GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary case of Sri A.Narayana, FRO(Retd.) formerly Onipenta Range of Proddutur(WL) Division – Article of Charge issued – Inquiry finalized and findings received – Imposing a penalty of 1% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against the Charged Officer - Show-Cause-Notice Issued – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.IV) DEPARTMENT
G.O.MS.No. 60 Dated: 01-06-2018
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.61501/2007/A&DC-1, dated:30-09-2016.
2. G.M.No.5356/Sec.IV/A2/2016, dt.16.12.2016.
3. From the PCCF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.61501/2007/A&DC-1, dt.02.04.2018.
4. Govt.Lr.No.5356/Sec.IV/A2/2016, dt.03.05.2018.
5. From the Secretary (I/c), APPSC, Lr. No.304/DC&C/2018, dt.17.05.2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Guntur has informed that, an Article of Charge was issued to Sri A.Narayana, Forest Range Officer(Retd.) by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad vide Rc.No.61501/2007/P5, dt:20.07.2010 on the following counts:-

Article - I:- "That he has exhibited gross neglect of duty in prevention of large scale destruction of Red Sander trees in Mudireddypalli & Thippireddypalli Beats of Onipenta Range"

Article - II:- "That he has exhibited gross neglect of duty in prevention of theft of 92 seized Red Sanders logs pertaining to old offences from the Range Office compound"

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 21.09.2010 and submitted his explanation on 05-10-2010. Not satisfied with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests appointed the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Proddutur Division as presenting officer, vide PCCF Ref.No.61501/2007/P5, dt:16.05.2011.

3. The Inquiry Officer submitted his findings vide Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Rc.No.876/2008/M3, dt.30.06.2014, wherein he has held the **charges proved**.

4. The Inquiry Officer findings were communicated to the charged officer vide PCCF Ref.No.61501/2007/vig-2, dt:26.07.2014, and the Charged Officer submitted his further defence statement on 04.09.2014, in which he has not put forth any new points other than which were already mentioned in his defence statement.

5. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2008. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer are proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 1% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year on the charged officer Sri A.Narayana, FRO(Retd.) formerly Onipenta Range of Proddutur(WL) Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd cited above. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Show Cause Notice on 22-2-2018. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur vide ref.3rd read above has informed that, the Charged Officer did not submit his further defence statement till to date.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 1% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against the retired Charged Officer Sri A.Narayana, FRO(Retd) formerly Onipenta Range of Proddutur(WL) Division, under rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests)
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Vijayawada (with ref. to Lr.No.304/DC&C/2018, dt.17.05.2018.)
Sf./Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER